



Adriatic Adventure

June 15- June 24, 2020



*Note – this trip is not affiliated with Moscow Middle School or the Moscow School District. It is an independent student/parent educational opportunity.

Tonight's Agenda



- Introduction and Short Video showing the highlights of the trip
- Why travel as a Middle School student
- Safety matters
- Day-by-Day Itinerary
- Introduce the group leaders
- Introduce Explorica
- An educational experience, not just a trip
- Numbers of travelers and adult to student ratio
- Expense breakdown
- Spending cash
- Monthly payments Programs
- What is included
- What is not included
- Fundraising
- Applications process
- Selection process
- Frequently asked questions
- Selection timeline
- Question/Comments/Freaking outs 😊



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Adriatic Adventure Video



Adriatic Adventure 2020

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Join Matthew Haley and Jason Albrecht, in conjunction with Explorica student travel, on a 10-day trip-of-a-lifetime through Croatia, Slovenia, and Italy!

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Why travel as a middle school student?

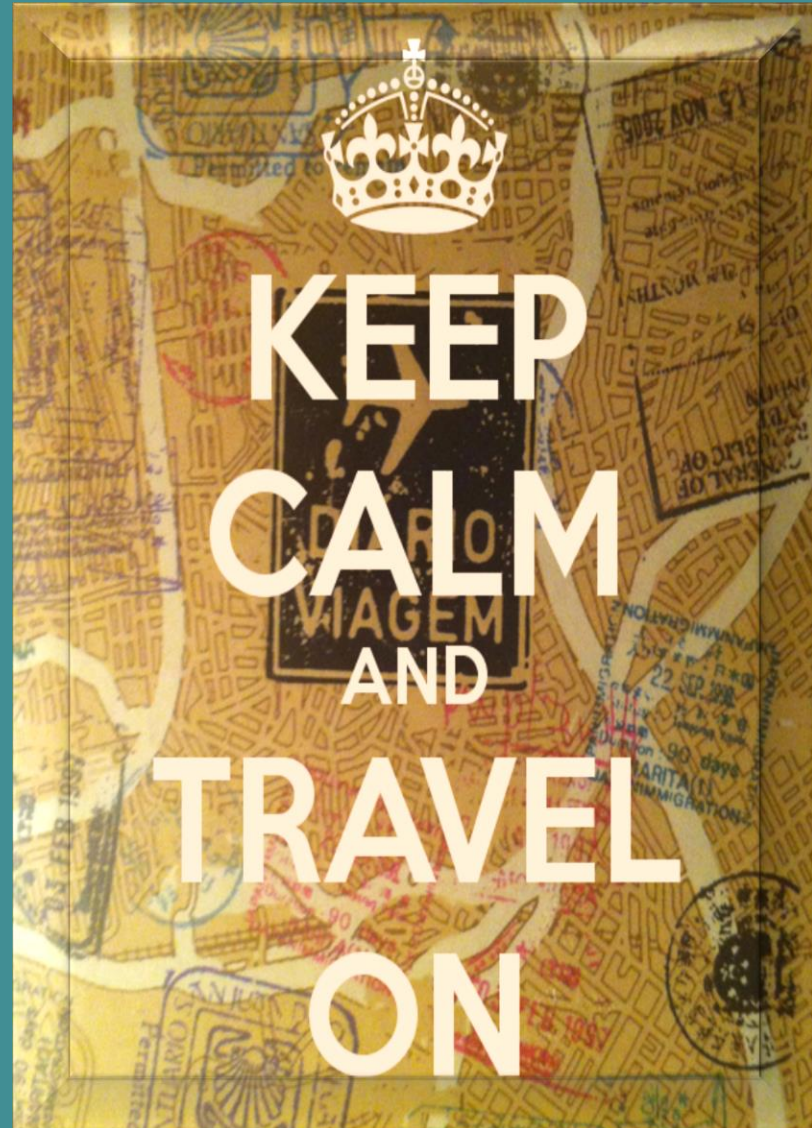
- Learn and understand first-hand about people & societies around the world
- A good time to bond with your child before life gets too busy with high school activities
- A valuable world experience and personal growth opportunity that they can apply in their high school & college classes
- Creates strong friendships that only a shared travel experience can provide
- Helps students appreciate and understand where they live in a whole new light





Safetymatters

- Explorica and the State Department
- Jason and Matthew
- Re-evaluate like every trip IF something arises
- Seen it before...Japan and Tsunami, China and North Korea issues, France and train strikes, Turkey and security issues. We will take care and make things work!



Our Trip Itinerary

Day 1 – Fly overnight to Zagreb, Croatia (June 15th)





Day 2 – Zagreb--Ljubljana

- Meet our tour director Michael
- Enjoy lunch in Zagreb then travel to Ljubljana
- Ljubljana guided sightseeing tour: Old town, Triple Bridge, Dragon Bridge, Ljubljana Castle visit, & Republic Square

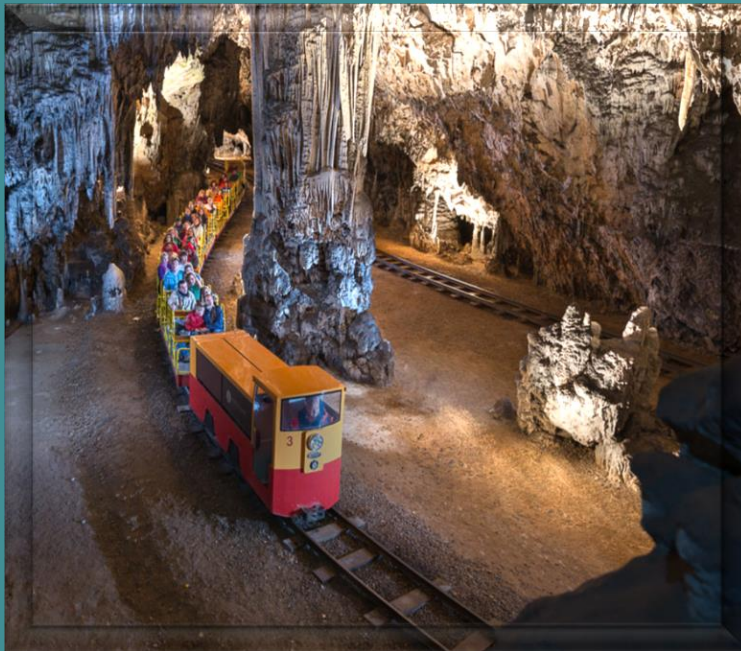


Dragon Bridge

Day 3 – Ljubljana landmarks

- Postojna Caves visit
- Lipizzaner Stallion show

Postojna Caves

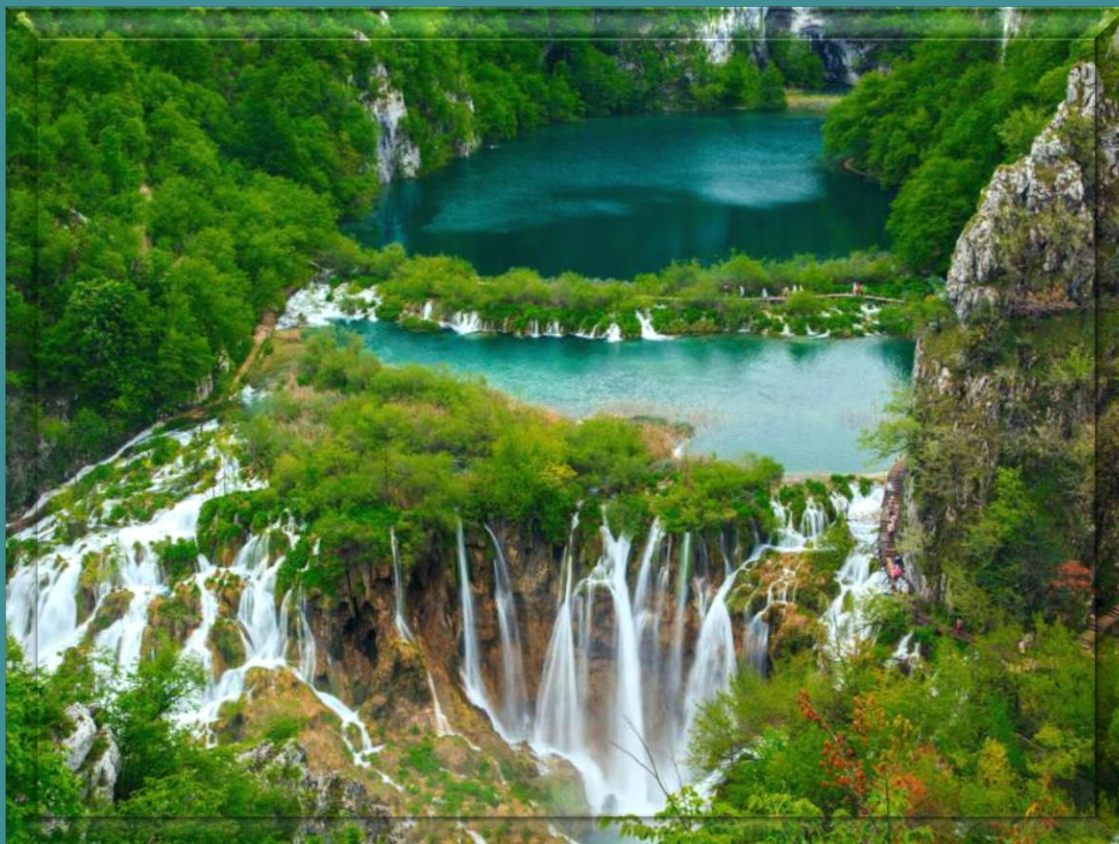


Lipizzaner Stallions



Day 4 – Ljubljana to Plitvice

- Travel to Plitvice
- Visit Plitvice National Park

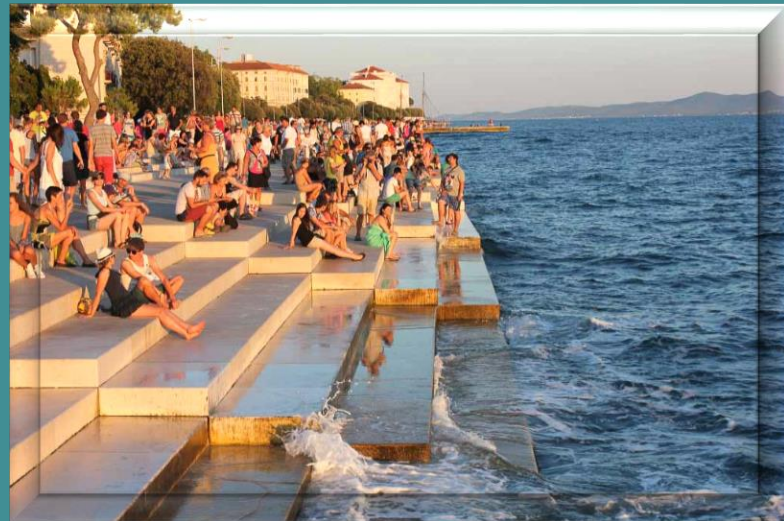


Plitvice National Park

Day 5 – Plitvice to Split

- Travel to Split via Zadar
- Zadar Old Town visit
- Sea Organ

Sea Organ



Old Town Zadar

Dubrovnik City Walls

Day 6 – Split to Dubrovnik

- Travel to Dubrovnik
- Dubrovnik guided sightseeing tour: Onofrio's Fountain, medieval city walls, Rector's Palace, Franciscan & Dominican monasteries



Onofrio's Fountain



Monasteries

Day 6 – Dubrovnik continued

- Old Pharmacy & Salona visit
- Dinner overlooking the city



Old Pharmacy



Dinner with a view



Salona

Day 7 – Dubrovnik to Bari

- Cable car ride
- Ghost tour
- Overnight ferry to Bari, Italy

Dubrovnik Cable Car



Ferry to Bari



Ghost Tour

Day 8 – Bari to Rome

- Travel to Rome via bus
- Rome city walk tour: Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, & Piazza Navona
- St. Peter's Square evening visit



Trevi Fountain



St. Peter's Square



Spanish Steps

Day 9 – Rome landmarks

- Ancient Rome guided walking tour
- Visit Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Piazza Venezia

Colosseum



Roman Forum



Piazza Venezia

Day 9 – Rome landmarks Continued

- Vatican City guided walking tour with visits to the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, & St. Peter's Basilica
- Pizza farewell dinner



Sistine Chapel

St. Peter's Basilica



Pizza Perfection! 😊

Day 10 – Return Home



Memories made



Trip Leaders: Jason Albrecht, Matthew Haley, Stacy Albrecht, Daniel Haley, and Amy Conway



Student Applicants – Trip focus
Adult Applicants – Supporting role

Why Travel with Explorica?



the
experience
is everything.®

- Flexibility to customize
- More willing to work with our group

Create a unique learning opportunity ... this is more than just a trip!

- Pre and post trip meetings – 85% attendance required for ALL travelers
- Informational meetings including history, culture, travel tips and more
- Challenge course team building activities



- Travel preparation: passports, luggage, what to expect, etc.



Number of trip participants

- Trip Leaders.....5 filled positions
- Student Applicants.....33 slots available
- Adult Applicants.....9 slots available



Trip total = 47
travelers

Student Cost = \$4,534 Est. \$259/mo. (17 payments)

Adult Cost = \$4,999 Est. \$288/mo. (17 payments)

| <i>Project Cost Breakdown/Summary</i> | |
|---|---------|
| Program Fee | \$4614 |
| Group Gratuity Fees and local tips | \$95 |
| All Inclusive Travel Insurance (required) | \$120 |
| <i>Adult Supplement (If applicable)</i> | \$465 |
| Additional Adjustment Discounts (Moscow190) | -\$295 |
| Student Traveler Cost | \$4,534 |
| Adult Traveler Cost | \$4,999 |
| Total Due at Sign-in by November 30th at 3:00 pm This will be your first payment due at signing and is deducted from the total cost | \$170 |



Croatian Kuna



Euro

We will run FOUR all group fundraisers to help you raise money for the trip

Spending Cash

- \$500 spending cash encouraged for lunches and souvenirs
- Use our fundraisers to help you earn this!



Monthly Payment Plan Benefits

- Automatic deduction from your checking account each month. Approximately \$259/month for students and \$288/month for adults.
- 17 monthly payments
- Final payment deadline up to 30 days prior to departure
- Other payment options are available



NOTE: Is the cost of this trip tax deductible?

No, Explorica is a for profit company and our trips are NOT affiliated with the Moscow School District.

What is included?

- Round trip airfare from Spokane
- Lodging in Hotels
 - Students: 2 to 5 per room depending on location (students with students)
 - Adults: 2 per room (adults with adults)
- Transportation throughout the trip from MMS back to MMS
- Explorica tour director to guide us on the ground
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Guided sightseeing/walking tours
- Entrance fees to selected attractions



What is not included?



- \$50 for two pre-trip team building activities at Paradise Ridge Challenge Course
- Lunches, beverages, and snacks throughout the day
- Passport fees

- Souvenirs
- Additional airline baggage fees
- Phone calls and/Wi-Fi Access
- We recommend \$500 for additional expenses.



Fundraisers

➤ Group Fundraisers

- We will help with FOUR group fundraisers
 - Valentine's Sale
 - Mother's Day Soap Sale
 - September Coffee Sale
 - December Wreath Sale

➤ Individual Fundraisers

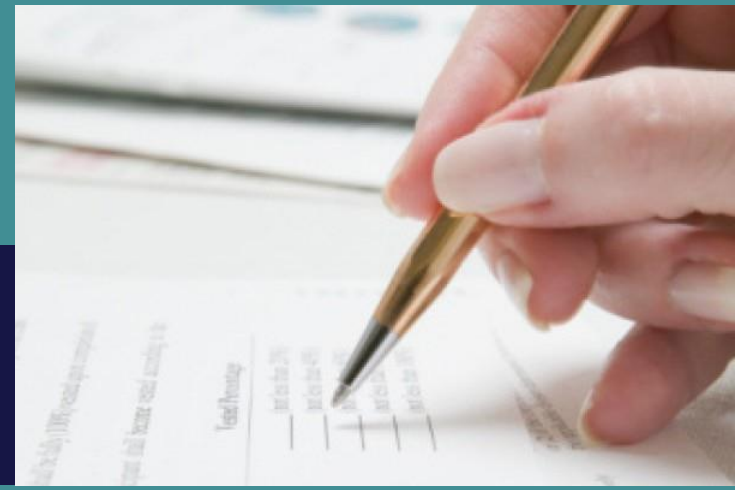
- All additional fundraising will be done on your own or in groups of your choosing.
 - Ideas/examples (see our website)
 - Odd Jobs for travel
 - Babysitting



Four Steps

1. Complete an application and return it to one of the trip leaders ASAP – order matters (see application due date on top of the application – Thursday, November 15th at 3:30 pm).
2. Wait for a confirmation email from the trip leaders by Saturday, November 17th.
3. Once your application is accepted, complete the online instructions to enroll and pay your non-refundable \$170 (\$50 sign up plus \$120 required Insurance fee) This **must** be completed by 3:30 pm Friday, November 30, 2018
4. Attend all group meetings.

Application process



Selection Process

Selection criteria are as follows:



1. Completeness and professionalism of application
2. Strength of application answers
3. Probability of success while abroad
4. Order of received application



International Travel Opportunity – Student Application



What trip are you applying for? _____

Biography Section: *(Print Neatly)*

Student Questionnaire Section: (feel free to use additional sheets of paper to fully answer these questions).

1. Have you ever traveled outside of the United States? If so, where and why?
2. What would this **trip** mean to you? Additionally, what specially draws you to this year's destination?
3. Traveling abroad can be a very stressful experience, please explain a stressful or difficult challenge that you have faced in your life and tell us how you overcame that challenge.
4. If you are selected for this trip, will you be willing to attend **ALL** the required pre- and post-trip meetings? **Are you going to commit fully to this travel team?**
Yes No
5. **READ CAREFULLY:** Are you able to participate in **extremely** active and physical travel trip? (i.e. early mornings and late evenings, 20,000+ steps a day, being with a large group, cooperating with one another to make the trip a success for all travelers, and are you willing and able to fully advocate for yourself while abroad, etc.?)
Yes No

Signature:

By signing below I understand that I am applying for an educational travel trip with Jason Albrecht and Matthew Haley. I understand that the complete cost of this trip must be paid in full prior to the departure date and that filling out this application does not guarantee that I will have the opportunity to go on this trip. Due to the select number of spots available, this is an application and selection process, meaning the best and most qualified applicants will go.

By signing I acknowledge that I have read and understand/agree with the terms above:

Student Name (Printed) _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent Name (Printed) _____ Parent Signature: _____

This application must be complete and submitted to Mr. Haley or Mr. Albrecht by no later than:

3:30 pm November 15, 2018



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Can adults/parents go?
 - Yes, applications are available tonight. One parent per student.

- Can a younger or older sibling go?
 - This trip is for current 5th to 8th grade students only.

- Can a relative go on the trip?
 - They must complete an adult application and meet the age requirements of 21.

- What if I cannot pay the full trip cost?
 - Once you commit to this trip you are obligated to pay your way.
 - There are penalties for early withdrawal.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

➤ Dietary options?

- Explorica does have different meal options depending on individual needs

➤ Medications while abroad?

- Students are responsible for all needed medications (please notify trip leaders of ANY medical issues prior to the trip)



Participant Selection Timeline

- **November 5th** – Parent meeting and applications are out
- **November 15th** – Applications are DUE by 3:30 PM and will be reviewed by the trip leaders
- **November 17th** – Acceptance letters are sent out electronically
- **November 30th** – Accepted travelers must be enrolled online with Explorica by 3:30 pm and have paid the non-refundable \$50 fee plus required insurance \$120 (\$170).
- **November 30th after 3:30 pm** – Accepted applicants who are not enrolled will lose their spot to an alternate who will be informed by 6:00 pm.
- **December 7th 3:00 pm** – Alternate travelers must be signed up with Explorica
- **December 10th** – 1st all group meeting 7:00pm MPR



Questions, Comments, Freaking Outs?

- Any group relevant questions???
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- Talk with a few adult travelers from past trips



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